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Iron and Method For Producing Same**

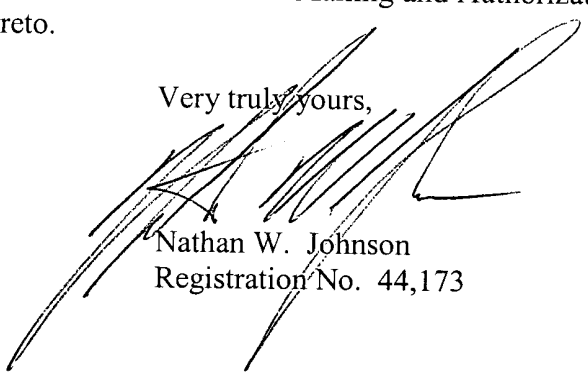
Applicant: Copeland, et al
Application No.: 09/866,258
Filed: May 29, 2001
Art Unit: 1725

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Office Action for the above-referenced patent application, as well as a check in the amount of \$930.00, for an extension fee of three months.

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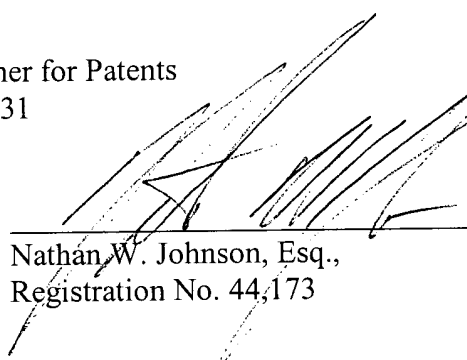


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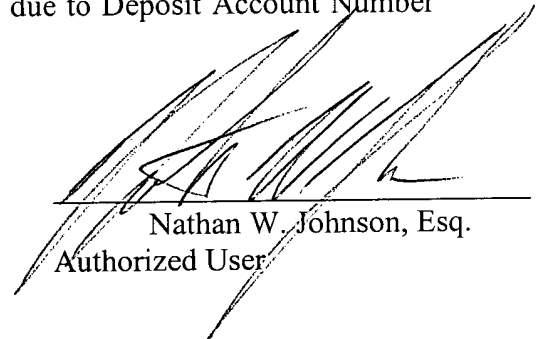
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